

Introduced by Senator Cox

February 22, 2007

An act relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 646, as introduced, Cox. California Major Risk Medical Insurance Program: waiting list.

Existing law creates the California Major Risk Medical Insurance Program (MRMIP), which is administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, to arrange for major risk medical coverage for eligible residents of the state who are unable to secure adequate private health care coverage. Existing law creates the Major Risk Medical Insurance Fund within the MRMIP where revenue, including revenue from the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund created pursuant to the Tobacco Tax and Health Protection Act of 1988, is deposited for the operation of the program. Under existing law, the revenue in the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund may be appropriated solely for designated purposes, including medical and hospital care and treatment for patients who cannot afford to pay for those services, and for whom payment will not be made by private coverage or a program funded in whole by the federal government.

This bill would express the Legislature's intent to appropriate additional funds from the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund for deposit into the Major Risk Medical Insurance Fund to eliminate a waiting list for the MRMIP.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate
- 2 additional funds from the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax
- 3 Fund for deposit into the Major Risk Medical Insurance Fund to
- 4 be used for the purpose of eliminating a waiting list for the
- 5 California Major Risk Medical Insurance Program.

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